

## **KARO-ECHO Board Meeting**

**05/05/21**

**via Zoom**

### **Attendees:**

Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Howdy Goudy	KE6BEE
Don	NI6A
Larry Vanselow	KK6GIO
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY

Suggested agenda:

#### **TRAINING:**

Input from emergency coordinator

Possible startup of preplanned weekly net training elements

#### **TECHNICAL/INFRASTRUCTURE:**

FS71 radio recondition

KCC patchboxKen6 Comm Hub equipment

#### **FINANCIAL/FUNDING:**

treasurer "pre-report"

Dues paying memberships

GMRS radios for fundraising

#### **OUTREACH/RECRUITING/WEB:**

KE roster and rules for inclusion

Field Day participation

Webmaster report

#### **COMM HUBS/NEIGHBORHOOD NETS:**

DRCC definition on website

NN reports (4)

Working with other FRS/GMRS nets

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Club call sign

ARRL membership/ARES

Future change from Areas to Zones

Approval of agenda for 10 May general meeting.

Membership meeting agenda topics:

### **Education and Training**

- A proposal was made for more planning and advanced notice of training topics.
- A second person could work with and assist the emergency coordinator.
- Training topics to continue with: equipment selection and operation, net control, relaying messages, working with FRS/GMRS operators.
- If the following week's training subject is announced on the website, not everyone checks the website. Thursday evening net control could announce the following week's training topic but not everyone can hear net control. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to discuss this at the membership meeting.

### **Technical**

- Fire station 71 equipment has been retrieved now, some equipment seems to work but may need more testing, more work, and possibly programming.
- An outside patchbox is needed for the Kensington Community Center antenna because KE may not be given a key for access inside the building.
- Ken6 com hub equipment is being worked on.

### **Financial/Fund Raising**

- 22 paying members now
- > \$1000 in bank account, current debts are paid
- How to encourage more members to pay dues - In addition to the voting privilege, a suggestion was made to stress what club money is used for, such as antennas, coax, patchboxes, etc.

### **Outreach/Recruiting**

- Maintaining the roster is time consuming. A more automated system would save time.
- Who belongs on the club roster? Should any of these items be considered:

Residence

Paying member

Ham license

Weekly net participation

Membership meeting participation

Training drill participation

Help with club tasks

Email expressing interest

### **Other topics**

- ARRL club affiliation has been submitted and is in an approval period. A rule was noticed that the club must abide by ARES regulations but it is not known what impact this has.

- In an emergency 2 meters and GMRS will be crowded with many operators from many nearby locations. Would a KE repeater help? Would the 220MHz band be useful?